

8 A 6-9-04 PATENT NP 8006-1009

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

RECEIVED

Toshiaki KAN-O

Conf. 4805

MAY 2 7 2004

Application No. 09/972,951

Group 2652

Technology Center 2600

Filed October 10, 2001

Examiner Brian E. MILLER

DISK DRIVE UNIT AND INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 24, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

03/60/2008 NPETERSO50000003 250120 09972951